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## HOUSE BILL 2492

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the date for establishing school district
- 2 boundaries for excess property tax levies; amending RCW 84.09.030;
- 3 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.09.030 and 2007 c 285 s 3 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
  - Except as follows, the boundaries of counties, cities, and all other taxing districts, for purposes of property taxation and the levy of property taxes, shall be the established official boundaries of such districts existing on the first day of August of the year in which the property tax levy is made.
- The official boundaries of a newly incorporated taxing district shall be established at a different date in the year in which the incorporation occurred as follows:
- 15 (1) Boundaries for a newly incorporated city shall be established 16 on the last day of March of the year in which the initial property tax 17 levy is made, and the boundaries of a road district, library district, 18 or fire protection district or districts, that include any portion of 19 the area that was incorporated within its boundaries shall be altered

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- as of this date to exclude this area, if the budget for the newly incorporated city is filed pursuant to RCW 84.52.020 and the levy request of the newly incorporated city is made pursuant to RCW 84.52.070. Whenever a proposed city incorporation is on the March special election ballot, the county auditor shall submit the legal description of the proposed city to the department of revenue on or before the first day of March;
  - (2) Boundaries for a newly incorporated port district or regional fire protection service authority shall be established on the first day of October if the boundaries of the newly incorporated port district or regional fire protection service authority are coterminous with the boundaries of another taxing district or districts, as they existed on the first day of March of that year;
  - (3) Boundaries of any other newly incorporated taxing district shall be established on the first day of June of the year in which the property tax levy is made if the taxing district has boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of another taxing district, as they existed on the first day of March of that year;
  - (4) Boundaries for a newly incorporated water-sewer district shall be established on the fifteenth of June of the year in which the proposition under RCW 57.04.050 authorizing a water district excess levy is approved.

The boundaries of a taxing district shall be established on the first day of June, or September in the case of a school district, if territory has been added to, or removed from, the taxing district after the first day of March of that year with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of another taxing district as they existed on the first day of March of that year. However, the boundaries of a road district, library district, or fire protection district or districts, that include any portion of the area that was annexed to a city or town within its boundaries shall be altered as of this date to exclude this area. In any case where any instrument setting forth the official boundaries of any newly established taxing district, or setting forth any change in such boundaries, is required by law to be filed in the office of the county auditor or other county official, said instrument shall be filed in triplicate. The officer with whom such instrument is filed shall transmit two copies to the county assessor.

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- No property tax levy shall be made for any taxing district whose boundaries are not established as of the dates provided in this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act applies retroactively to transfers of school territory occurring on or after August 1, 2007, as well as prospectively.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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